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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1966.

I AM GRATEFUL TO MR. G.H. FYFE, THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, WHO HAS PREPARED HIS REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

CERTAIN ITEMS STAND OUT FOR PARTICULAR COMMENT:

STATISTICS.

THERE WERE 33 LESS BIRTHS AND 12 MORE DEATHS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 184 OF THE 389 DEATHS WERE OF PERSONS AGED 75 YEARS AND OVER.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

ONCE AGAIN THERE WAS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF MEASLES WHICH WAS CONTINUED INTO 1967. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF MEASLES VACCINATION WHICH IS GRADUALLY BEING INTRODUCED. THERE WERE NO BIG OUTBREAKS OF DYSENTERY OR FOOD POISONING.

TUBERCULOSIS.

THE INCIDENCE OF NEW CASES REMAINS LOW.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

THE NEW MARKET BOSWORTH WORKS HAS COME INTO OPERATION AND EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN PLANNED AT SOME OF THE OTHER WORKS. AN INSPECTOR FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED AN INFORMAL INQUIRY INTO THE RATBY SCHEME IN JULY BUT THE SCHEME HAS NOT YET BEEN STARTED. TWO SMALL AREAS, VIZ: PARK LANE, BAGWORTH AND BELCHERS BAR ARE IN URGENT NEED OF SEWER PROVISION BUT THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD HAVE CAUSED SUBSIDENCE AND THEREBY HELD UP PROGRESS WITH THESE SCHEMES. THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH SEWERAGE SCHEMES. PRESSURE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OUTSTANDING PERMISSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE DIFFICULTIES.

HOUSING.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REHOUSING IN COUNCIL HOUSES, PARTICULARLY IN IBSTOCK. GROUNDS FOR SUPPORT VARY FROM THE CLEAR-CUT MEDICAL DISABILITY, OR THE



### HOUSING. (CONT)

NEED OF ELDERLY PERSONS TO MOVE TO SINGLE STOREY ACCOMMODATION, OR HARDSHIP CONSTITUTING "GENERAL NEEDS". SUCH HARDSHIP IN HOUSING OCCURRED IN 26 NATIONAL COAL BOARD HOUSES AT BAGWORTH WHICH WERE SO BADLY AFFECTED BY SUBSIDENCE AS TO LEAVE OPEN CRACKS IN THE WALLS AND STEEPLY SLOPING FLOORS. THE RESIDENTS OF THESE HOUSES SENT IN A PETITION DURING THE COLD WEATHER.

### NUISANCES.

PRE-EMINENT AMONG THE MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS WERE THOSE OF DUST EMISSION FROM BRADGATE QUARRY AND FUMES FROM "SALTING" AT A BRICK & PIPE WORKS.

THE COUNCIL EMPLOYED A CONSULTANT TO ADVISE ON THE SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES USED AT THE QUARRY. THE DIFFICULTY STILL REMAINS.

AT THE BRICK AND PIPE WORKS ONE HOPES FOR THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO SALT GLAZING AND SOME MODIFICATION OF BRITISH STANDARDS TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF PIPES NOT SUBJECTED TO TRADITIONAL GLAZING. IN THE 1970'S IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT GREATER CHIMNEY HEIGHTS WILL BE ENFORCEABLE.

### GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH.

SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE YEAR TOWARDS A SCHEME FOR ALLEVIATING THE FLOODING IN WITHERLEY. THIS ENTAILED THE CO-ORDINATION OF INTERESTS OF A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT BODIES.

ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN MARKET BOSWORTH HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND EXPLORED. PROGRESS IS DIFFICULT OWING TO THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND POINTS OF VIEW.

DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL ALARM WAS FELT AT POINTS WHERE SEWERS BACKED UP. THIS PROBLEM IS NOT CONFINED TO THIS DISTRICT. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THESE SITUATIONS IS TO ENSURE THAT WATER SUPPLIES ARE NOT CONTAMINATED; THE MAIN LONG-TERM DANGER IS ONE OF SOIL CONTAMINATION WITH HELMINTHS FROM HUMAN FAECES.

### ELDERLY PERSONS.

CONTINUING FROM MY LAST YEAR'S REPORT, ONE MUST HOPE THAT, WITH RISING STANDARDS IN HOUSING GENERALLY, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP UNDER CONSIDERATION THE QUESTION OF HEAT CONSERVATION IN THE BEDROOMS OF ELDERLY PERSONS. THERE MAY BE NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION BUT THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF ELDERLY PERSONS LIVING ALONE.

### CONCLUSION

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SINGLE OUT SOME OF THE ITEMS WHICH HAVE ARisen DURING THE YEAR AND ARE WORTHY OF COMMENT. I HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE BUT RATHER TO BRING TO THE FORE MATTERS WHICH NEED TO BE KEPT IN MIND.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I AM GRATEFUL TO MR. GREENFIELD FOR THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN HE HAS MADE A PERSONAL VISIT TO A PARTICULAR PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM ALSO TO MR. JONES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. (CONT)

FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

I THANK MR. FYFE FOR HIS OWN CONTRIBUTION AND ESPECIALLY MRS. DEE FOR ORGANISING THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT.

I AM,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

*G.B. Kershaw*

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (IN ACRES).....	63,955
POPULATION CENSUS 1921 .....	23,196
POPULATION CENSUS 1951 .....	26,370
POPULATION CENSUS 1961 .....	27,519
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1965 .....	28,730
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1966 .....	29,390
NO. OF INHABITED HOUSES .....	9,905
RATEABLE VALUE (AT 1ST. APRIL 1966) .....	£966,517.
ESTIMATED SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE. 1966/67.....	£4,000.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

THE POPULATION IS PARTLY INDUSTRIAL AND PARTLY AGRICULTURAL, WHILST SOME ARE EMPLOYED IN THE NEARBY AREAS OF LEICESTER, NUNEATON, HINCKLEY, COALVILLE AND COVENTRY. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION THERE HAS BEEN A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES IN CERTAIN AREAS, E.G., NEWBOLD VERDON, BARLESTONE, MARKFIELD, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED PRESSURE ON FAMILY DOCTORS' SERVICES.

THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS ARE IN COAL MINING, GRANITE QUARRYING, ENGINEERING, BOOT AND SHOE AND HOSIERY MANUFACTURE.

THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD OWN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF HOUSES IN THE AREA.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD AND LOCAL HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION (PART III) FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IS PROVIDED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY CHRONIC SICK PATIENTS IS PROVIDED AT BOSWORTH PARK INFIRMARY. "WESTHAVEN", AT MARKET BOSWORTH HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR BOTH CHRONIC SICK PATIENTS AND COUNTY COUNCIL RESIDENTS. MARKFIELD HOSPITAL, FORMERLY FOR TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS, NOW TAKES CERTAIN TYPES OF GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PATIENTS.



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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA (CONT)

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED AT LEICESTER, KIRBY MUXLOE, AND NUNEATON.

GLENTRITH HOSPITAL, AN ANNEXE OF GLENTRITH HOSPITAL IN LEICESTER, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR MENTALLY SUBNORMAL BOYS.

HIGHAM GRANGE PROVIDES REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PATIENTS.

PART III. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. CERTAIN VOLUNTARY OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS. CHIROPODY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT SOME OF THE CLUBS, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

IN IBSTOCK, THE W.R.V.S. ORGANISE A "MEALS ON WHEELS" SERVICE WHEREBY UP TO 24 MID-DAY MEALS, PREPARED BY A LOCAL WORKS CANTEEN, ARE DELIVERED TO ELDERLY PERSONS IN THEIR OWN HOMES. THE DELIVERY IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY. THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS SHARE EQUALLY THE SUM REQUIRED TO FINANCE THE MEALS, IN EXCESS OF THE 1/- PAID BY EACH RECIPIENT.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE.	M. 262.	F. 254.	TOTAL 516.
BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE.	M. 12.	F. 11.	TOTAL. 23.
	M. 274.	F. 265.	TOTAL. 539.

STILLBIRTHS: 7 LEGITIMATE. 1. ILLEGITIMATE. TOTAL... 8.

CRUDE BIRTH RATE (COMPARABILITY FACTOR 1.04).....18.3.

BIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES.....17.7

STILLBIRTH RATE PER 1000 LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS.....14.6

STILLBIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....15.4

INFANT DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR..... 11

INFANT DEATH RATE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS.....20.4

INFANT DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....19.0

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE..... 6

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS. 11.1

DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES (INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS)....12.9

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE:

(STILLBIRTHS & DEATHS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE PER 1000  
TOTAL BIRTHS).....23.9

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES.....26.3

DEATHS OF WOMEN FROM CAUSES ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY  
AND CHILDBIRTH.....NIL.

DEATHS: M. 207. F. 182. TOTAL.....389.

CRUDE DEATH RATE (COMPARABILITY FACTOR) .88).....13.2

DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES.....11.7



CAUSES OF DEATH. (ALL AGES)

(REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION.)

	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>
ALL CAUSES.....	207	182
TUBERCULOSIS, RESPIRATORY.....	2	-
OTHER INFECTIVE & PARASITIC DISEASES.....	2	-
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM: STOMACH.....	5	3
LUNG.....	10	4
BREAST.....	-	4
UTERUS.....	-	3
OTHER MALIGNANT AND LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS.	26	16
LEUKAEMIA, ALEUKAEMIA.....	1	-
DIABETES.....	2	3
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.....	33	36
CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA.....	35	21
HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE.....	1	5
OTHER HEART DISEASE.....	28	30
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE.....	9	8
INFLUENZA.....	1	3
PNEUMONIA.....	6	12
BRONCHITIS.....	11	5
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.....	5	1
ULCER OF STOMACH AND DUODENUM.....	2	-
GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS AND DIARRHOEA.....	-	2
NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS.....	2	1
HYPERPLASIA OF PROSTATE.....	1	-
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS.....	2	1
OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED CAUSES.....	17	19
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.....	5	2
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS.....	1	3

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS.

AGE AT DEATH.

TOTAL ALL CAUSES.

UNDER 4 WEEKS.....	6
4 WEEKS AND UNDER 1 YEAR.....	5
1 TO 4 YEARS.....	NIL
5 TO 14 YEARS.....	2
15 TO 24 YEARS.....	5
25 TO 34 YEARS.....	1
35 TO 44 YEARS.....	12
45 TO 54 YEARS.....	20
55 TO 64 YEARS.....	61
65 TO 74 YEARS.....	93
75 AND OVER.....	184

TOTAL.

389



COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN CAUSES DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.	1966.
TUBERCULOSIS: RESPIRATORY.....	2	1	6	-	2
OTHER.....	-	-	-	-	-
CORONARY DISEASE.....	30	55	50	59	56
LUNG CANCER.....	13	17	15	20	14
BRONCHITIS.....	30	22	20	26	16
LEUKAEMIA.....	2	-	2	1	1

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>DISEASE.</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.</u>
SCARLET FEVER.	5
WHOOPING COUGH.	3
MEASLES.	251
ACUTE PNEUMONIA.	2
DYSENTERY.	3
FOOD POISONING.	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>NEW CASES.</u>		<u>DEATHS.</u>	
	RESPI- RATORY.	NON-RESPI- RATORY.	M.	F.
UNDER 1.	-	-	1*	-
1 TO 9	-	-	-	-
10 TO 14	-	-	-	-
15 TO 19	-	-	1	-
20 TO 24	-	-	-	-
25 TO 34.	-	-	-	-
35 TO 44	-	1	-	-
45 TO 54	-	-	-	-
55 TO 64	-	-	-	-
OVER 65.	-	-	-	2
 TOTALS	-	1	2	-
 				2

\* RETROSPECTIVE NOTIFICATION APPEARS IN 1967 OFFICIAL RETURNS.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

WHOOPING COUGH, DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, POLIOMYELITIS.

UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME, IMMUNISING PROCEDURES FOR INFANTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FAMILY DOCTORS. WHERE THIS IS NOT PRACTICABLE IT CAN BE DONE BY APPOINTMENT DIRECT WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE IS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS UP TO 40 YEARS OF AGE.

SMALLPOX.

SMALLPOX VACCINE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO PRACTITIONERS BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY AT GROBY ROAD HOSPITAL, LEICESTER. IN 1967 THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER DISTRIBUTION.

TUBERCULOSIS VACCINATION (B.C.G.)

THIS WAS OFFERED TO THE OLDER SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND THE CUSTOMARY HIGH ACCEPTANCE RATE WAS MAINTAINED. INDIVIDUAL CASES MAY BE VACCINATED AT THE CHEST CLINICS.



NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948. SECTION 47 AND  
AMENDMENT ACT 1951.

NO APPLICATIONS WERE MADE TO THE MAGISTRATES FOR ORDERS FOR THE COMPULSORY REMOVAL OF ELDERLY PERSONS TO INSTITUTIONS. FROM TIME TO TIME, CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATION AND INFORMAL ACTION IS NECESSARY.

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WATER SUPPLIES.

ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL IS NOT NOW A WATER UNDERTAKING (THE LEICESTER WATER BOARD AND THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE WATER BOARD NOW SUPPLY THE WHOLE DISTRICT), MANY PROBLEMS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLY AND PUBLIC HEALTH REMAIN. COMPLAINTS REGARDING BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY ARE SPEEDILY DEALT WITH BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIVING IN SMALL GROUPS OF HOUSES WHERE IT IS UNECONOMICAL TO PROVIDE A PIPED WATER SUPPLY AND NATURAL SOURCES OF WATER ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE POLLUTED AS THE POINTS OF WATER DISCHARGE COME CLOSER TO THE POINTS OF INTAKE.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

DAMAGE TO SEWERS IN THE MINING SUBSIDENCE AREAS AGAIN CAUSED CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE.

DURING THE YEAR, 82 SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS FROM THE COUNCIL'S SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS AND 48 PROVED TO BE SATISFACTORY; A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT ON 1965 AND A VERY ENCOURAGING REWARD FOR THE DILIGENCE AND ATTENTION GIVEN BY THE SEWAGE WORKS MANAGER AND HIS STAFF.

A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE 20 TREATMENT WORKS IN THE DISTRICT WAS PREPARED DURING THE YEAR AND A PROGRAMME OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS WAS PREPARED.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

IT IS VERY SATISFACTORY TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT A WEEKLY COLLECTION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT, ONLY BEING DISRUPTED AT HOLIDAY PERIODS. UNLIKE MANY OTHER AUTHORITIES NO EXTRA HELP IS EMPLOYED AT HOLIDAY TIMES AND ONLY ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS IS OVERTIME WORKED. I CANNOT PRAISE TOO HIGHLY THE WORK OF THE REFUSE COLLECTORS WHO CARRY OUT A DIRTY JOB WITH EFFICIENCY AND SPEED, AND CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE A GANG OF MEN SECOND TO NONE IN THE COUNTY.

THE CADEY REFUSE TIPPING SITE WAS COMMENCED DURING THE YEAR AND IS PROVING TO BE A GREAT ASSET. THE PROBLEM OF INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING OF REFUSE IS STILL WITH US AND DURING THE YEAR THREE CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AND ONE CONVICTION OBTAINED.

THREE STREET ORDERLIES WERE PURCHASED FOR PART-TIME PAVEMENT



REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

CLEANSING AND PICKING UP LITTER ETC.

SOME FORM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE PLANNING AUTHORITIES AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS DESIRABLE TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO ACCESSIBILITY OF PREMISES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION, FOR INSTANCE, ON ONE NEW DEVELOPMENT IT IS NECESSARY TO TRAVERSE TWO MILES TO EMPTY ONE BLOCK OF ELEVEN PROPERTIES.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

ANIMAL SLAUGHTERING AND MEAT INSPECTIONS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE YEAR, CONSEQUENTLY THE AMOUNT OF MEAT CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION ALSO SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE.

COMPLAINTS WERE INVESTIGATED DURING THE YEAR, OF FOREIGN BODIES IN MILK BOTTLES, TINNED PEAS AND EVEN IN A CHICKEN LEG. TWENTYTWO 6 LB. TINS OF CORNED BEEF WERE DESTROYED BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1960.

ALL THE PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE ACT HAVE NOW BEEN INSPECTED. LIGHTING STANDARDS PROVED TO BE VERY POOR GENERALLY AND SEEMED TO BE ACCEPTED BY BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS BECAUSE PRESUMABLY NOTHING BETTER WAS EXPECTED. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS REGRETTED THAT THERE IS NO ADEQUATE MINIMUM STANDARD FIXED BY THE MINISTRY.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

NO OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT ON AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF NOISE BEFORE IT BECOMES A NUISANCE HAS YET BEEN LAID DOWN, AND IT IS BECOMING ACCEPTED RATHER SURPRISINGLY, THAT NOISE IS PART OF THE PRICE OF PROGRESS AND IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE MODERN WAY OF LIFE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN LEGAL SUPPORT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. TWO COMPLAINTS OF NOISE WERE INVESTIGATED.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

TESTING OF NEW STORAGE INSTALLATIONS WAS CARRIED OUT IN EACH CASE BEFORE LICENSING AND IT IS PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT DURING THE COMING YEAR, INSPECTIONS OF OLDER TANKS WITH THE VIEW TO APPLYING PRESSURE TESTING.

HOUSING ACTS.

THE NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ROSE DURING THE YEAR AND IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NO TENANT HAS AS YET ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SERVE NOTICE DEMANDING THE OWNER TO IMPROVE HIS PROPERTY.

RODENT CONTROL.

NEW POISONS AND TECHNIQUES HAVE COME INTO OPERATION AND IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE RAT POPULATION IS ON THE DECREASE PARTICULARLY IN SEWERS.

CLEAN AIR ACT. 1956.

THE TWO LARGE GRANITE QUARRIES IN THE DISTRICT AGAIN DEMANDED A LARGE AMOUNT OF TIME AND IN PARTICULAR THE CRUSHING PLANTS CAUSED COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE DUST.

THE BREAKDOWN OR FAILURE OF THE DUST EXTRACTION PLANT HAS



CLEAN AIR ACT 1956. (CONT)

AT TIMES RENDERED CONDITIONS MOST DIFFICULT FOR ALL CONCERNED.

NO SMOKE CONTROL AREA HAS YET BEEN DECLARED BUT WHEN ONE SEES THE HUNDREDS OF DOMESTIC CHIMNEYS SENDING OUT SOOT AND SMOKE, ONE WONDERS HOW LONG IT WILL BE BEFORE A NATIONAL STATUTE IS MADE CONTROLLING SUCH EMISSIONS.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1965.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS OF ALL FOOD PREMISES AND VEHICLES SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN NUMBER AND A SURVEY AND INSPECTION OF ALL PUBLIC HOUSES IN THE DISTRICT WAS COMMENCED.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

(1) The piped supplies were mostly satisfactory, complaints of over-chlorination and discolouration were referred to the Water Undertaking concerned. Special complaints of the hardness of the Ibstock supply were referred to the North West Leicestershire Water Board.

In quantity:- Supplies were satisfactory.

No shortages occurred.

(2) Piped Supplies - results of samples taken for analysis:-

RAW WATER.				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.		BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.	
Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-

(3) Particulars of Water Supply to dwelling houses in the District:-

INTERNAL MAINS WATER SUPPLY		MAINS WATER FROM EXTERNAL STANDPIPES			WELL WATER SUPPLY.	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses		Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	
9,106	28,278	19		50	780	1,062

(4) Water Supply from Public Mains:-

(a) No. of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(1) From Public Mains..... 20. (all parishes)  
(2) From Private Reservoirs... -

(b) No. of Parishes without a piped water supply. -

(c) Particulars of any extensions of public water supplies:-

Extensions to existing mains to serve new housing sites and small groups of properties previously outside the area of piped supply.

A "Fringe Area Order" was made relating to a supply to a farm at Orton on the Hill.



Water Supplies. (Cont)

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water..... 62.

(5) Recent proposals.

The Joint Scheme for the Copt Oak and Ulverscroft Areas has at last been commenced.

(6) Water Supply from Wells:-

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	1	-	7

No. of Wells closed..... 16. No. of Wells cleansed etc... -

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. of Cesspools constructed during the year..... 12.

No. of Cesspools abolished during the year..... 19

Total No. in district on 31st. December 1966..... 558 (est)

No. of private sewage treatment plants constructed during year..... -

Extensions to Sewers or improvements during year:-

Market Bosworth & Carlton - Completed.

Ibstock - upward flow filters installed.

Nailstone - upward flow filters installed.

No. of Parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works:- 18.

No. of Parishes where new schemes have been formulated:- 2.

Recent Proposals:-

Sibson, Shenton & Upton Scheme ready for submission.

Sutton Cheney & Cadeby Scheme ready for submission.

Ibstock Scheme submitted to Ministry.

Desford - Leicester Lane Scheme submitted to Ministry.

Shaw Lane & Battleflat - work in progress.

Peckleton & Kirkby Mallory - work in progress.

Botchaston & Newtown Unthank - work in progress.

Barlestoke - details submitted to Ministry.

Ratby - Scheme being prepared for sewage works extensions.

Newbold Verdon - out to tender.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total No. of houses in district on 31st. Dec. 1966..... 9,905.

(1) Privies..... -. Pail Closets.... 596. (3) W.C's.. 9,147.

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during year.

(a) Privies..... -. (b) Pails..... 55.

Grant made towards the cost of conversion..... £12. each.

No. of Privies (middens) converted to pail closets during year. -

Means for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits & Cesspools:-

Cesspools are emptied on owner's undertaking to pay costs.

Charge made for emptying Cesspools:-

A standard charge of 30/- for domestic cesspools.

Farms, Business premises etc., - on a time basis.



Sewerage & Sewage Disposal. (Cont)

Pail Closets.

Disposal of contents - Treated at Sewage Disposal Works.

Frequency of emptying - weekly.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

No. and type of vehicles employed:-

2 S. & D. Freighters.

5 Karrier Bantam Refuse Collectors.

1 Karrier "Ramillies" Compression Vehicle.

Frequency of collection:- Weekly.

No. of Dustbins allowed per dwelling house - No fixed Number.

There is no special scheme for trade refuse in operation.

Disposal of Household Refuse:-

No. of controlled tips..... 2.

No. of crude tips..... -

Incineration..... -

No site difficulties are now experienced.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total No. of complaints received..... 178.

Total No. of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with..... 163.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

	No. of Inspections.	
	First Visits.	re-visits.
Animal keeping.	15	8
Bakehouses.	4	12
Dairies.	6	4
Drainage Works.	179	120
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	805	522
Infectious Diseases Inquiries.	19	9
Food Poisoning Inquiries.	8	24
Food Premises.	137	124
Offensive Trades.	12	-
Refuse Collection & Disposal.	216	82
Rodent Control.	1588	-
Schools.	14	11
Shops & Offices.	285	120
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection.	921	-
Smoke Control.	6	-
Verminous & Dirty Premises.	-	-
Caravans etc.,	64	22
Water Supplies.	61	19
Factories and Work Places.	34	22
Other Inspections.	367	249
TOTAL.	4741	1346



NOTICES.

INFORMAL.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
Outstanding on 1st. Jan.	-	20
Issued during Year	-	165
Complied with during year	-	161
Outstanding 31st. Dec.	-	24

STATUTORY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
Outstanding on 1st. Jan.	-	-
Issued during Year	-	2
Complied with during year	-	2
Outstanding 31st. Dec.	-	-

SUMMARY ACTION.

No. of Summonses Issued.	No. of Convictions obtained
NIL.	

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Class of Premises.	No. Regist-ered.	No. of Inspec-tions	Acci-dents report-ed.	Contraventions.		
				Found.	Remed-ied.	Outstand-ing 31/12/66
Offices.	27	15	2	17	20	13
Retail Shops.	66	24	-	60	74	113
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	1	-	-	-	2	-
Catering estabs: open to the public, Canteens.	19	11	1	30	15	35
Fuel Storage Depots.	2	-	-	-	5	4
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>161</b>

Total No. of visits made in connection with the above:- 285.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT 1963.

No. of premises Licensed..... 4.  
No. of inspections..... 5.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

No. of Site Licences issued:-

(a) Individual Vans..... -. (b) More than 2 Vans..... -.

Four permanent Caravan Sites licensed for 31, 15, 10 and 3 vans respectively. Sanitary conveniences and piped water on sites.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings.	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions.
Common Lodging Houses.	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats.	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.	2	12	-	Good



## VERMINOUS PREMISES.

No. of Council Houses infested..... 0.  
No. of other dwelling houses found infested..... 0.  
No. of houses disinfested..... 0.

## THE PET ANIMALS ACT 1951.

No. of premises licensed..... 0.  
No. of inspections..... 0.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951.

No. of premises registered for upholstering etc. .... 0.  
No. of premises licensed for:-  
    Manufacture.... 0. Storage of Rag Flock.... 0.

## FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1965.

**FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.**

No. of premises inspected.....	44
No. of inspections made for the purpose.....	49
No. of Informal Notices served.....	18
No. of Informal Notices complied with.....	12
No. of Informal Notices outstanding 31st. Dec.....	4
No. of Formal Notices served.....	-
No. of Formal Notices complied with.....	-
No. of Formal Notices outstanding 31st. Dec.....	-

### Summary Action taken:-

A survey and inspection of all Public Houses in the District was commenced.

## CLEAN AIR ACT 1956.

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Smoke Control Order:-

No Smoke Control Orders in force. Frequent consultations with Alkali Works Inspectorate regarding factories under their control. Colliery chimneys and spoil heaps have received constant attention

One approval certificate issued for installation of a furnace and chimney. Particular and continued attention was given to the problem of dust control at Bradgate Quarry, Groby.

Future Proposals:- None contemplated.

Recording Stations in the District:- Nil.

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

Two complaints were investigated.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

Staff employed for these duties:-

One full-time operator.

No large scale infestation was discovered, the refuse tips being the main centres of rat population.

## SCHOOLS.

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Schools:- Nil.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. in area:- Nil.



INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture & Retail..... nil.  
(b) Manufacture only..... nil.  
(c) Retail only (prepacked only) 122.

No. of samples taken..... -

MILK SUPPLY.

DAIRIES (other than Dairy Farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations 1959)

	No. of Inspections.	Found.	Remedied.	No. of Contraventions. Outstanding on 31st. Dec.
DAIRIES.	-	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS.	5	-	-	-

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES.

No. of routine bulk samples taken.	Results of Biological Examination.		
	Satisfactory.	Evidence of living Tuberclie Bacilli.	Evidence of Brucella Abortus.
44	44	-	-

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING.

CLASS.	No. of Samples.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Designation "Untreated"			
"Pasteurised"			
"Sterilised"	44	44	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of Licensed Slaughterhouses in area..... 4.

No. of animals slaughtered therein..... 32,425.

No. of animals examined therein..... 32,425.

No. of carcases inspected at time of slaughter.... 32,425.

No. of Knackers' Yards in area..... -

No. of visits to Knackers' Yards..... -

Carcases Inspected and Condemned (see over page)



CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.	3332	474	148	18888	9583	-
Number inspected.	3332	474	148	18888	9583	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>						
Whole carcases condemned.	1	10	10	25	29	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	42	53	-	321	73	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.	1.23	13.3	6.8	1.8	1.6	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	.04	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	5	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight of meat etc., condemned:-

Meat. 6 tons. 10 cwts. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.  
Offal. 2 tons. - cwts. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

Meat Stalls. (Including Butchers' Vans)

No. of Inspections. (including Butchers' Vans)..... 19.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.,

No. of Inspections..... 76.

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or  
prepared for sale.

No. of Inspections..... 187.

20 lbs. of lard were condemned and destroyed being unfit for  
consumption.

22 - 6lb. tins of Corned Beef were surrendered and destroyed.



HOUSING.

NEW HOUSES.

1. Houses completed during the year by:-  
Local Authority..... 32.  
Private Enterprise..... 306.
2. Houses in course of erection at end of year by:-  
Local Authority..... 38.  
Private Enterprise..... 209.
3. Total No. of post war houses completed by:-  
Local Authority..... 1546.  
Private Enterprise..... 2309.
4. Total No. of applicants for Council houses at end of year. 663.
5. No. of applications received during year..... 202.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR:-

1. Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 189.
2. No. of inspections made for the purpose..... 307.
3. No. of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932..... -
4. No. of inspections made for the purpose..... -
5. No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 51.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced Persons.	During Year Families.
In Clearance Areas.	-----	-----Nil-----	
Not in Clearance Areas:-			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17(1) Housing Act 1957.	28	104	33
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	-----	-----Nil-----	

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After Informal action by Local Authority.	53	-
After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts, (b) Secs.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957.	2	-
Under Sec. 24 Housing Act 1957.	-	-



UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE. (Housing Act 1957)..... Nil.  
PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT. ..... Nil.

HOUSING SUMMARY.

Total No. of occupied houses in district..... 9,905.  
Total No. of Council houses occupied in district..... 1,917.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958.

Percentage grant of the approved cost made by the Council towards reconditioning and improvements under the Act....50%

No. of applications for Grants received during year..... 37.  
    From Owner/Occupiers..... 21.  
    From Owners of rented property..... 16.

No. of applications approved..... 35.  
No. of applications refused. (2 withdrawn)..... -

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959.

No. of applications received for Standard Grants from:-  
    Owner/Occupiers..... 41.  
    Owners of rented property..... 21.

No. of applications approved..... 61

No. of applications refused. (1 deferred)..... -

No. of properties improved during the year..... 62

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959.

Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:-

No. on Register..... 71.  
No. of Inspections..... 56.  
Written Notices..... -  
Occupiers prosecuted..... -  
Cases in which defects  
    were found..... 3.

OUTWORK.

No. of Outworkers in August..	56.
Hosiery.....	38.
Underwear.....	5.
Gloves.....	1.
Shoes.....	-
Braces.....	-
Textiles.....	3.
Umbrellas.....	-
Toys.....	-
Knitwear.....	9
Corsets.....	-

STAFF.

No. of Staff:-      Qualified..... 2.  
                      Unqualified..... 1.  
                      Clerical..... 1.

Staff increase or decrease during year:-      nil.

Present Staff is not considered adequate for proper performance of all duties, as at 31st. December 1966.

